



Bathurst South Public School - Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 6, 4th March 2020

Dear Families,

School Commencement Time

Any student who needs to arrive at school prior to 8:45am must have the endorsement of the Principal. A duty teacher commences duty at 8:45am, hence students on school grounds prior to this time are unsupervised.

Morning Play – Must Have a Hat

Our rule is that if students do not have a hat on arrival at school they are to sit (not play) on the blue administration seats. Please ensure your child has a hat when they come to school each day.

STAR of the Month – February

Congratulations to Lacey Sharwood who is our first Star of the Month recipient for 2020. Lacey always displays our school wide expectations of being a safe, respectful, positive learner and goes above and beyond to help her fellow students and staff.



Havannah Street Crossing

Please only cross Havannah St at the Pedestrian Crossing. Unfortunately I have observed some families crossing on the crest of the hill, which compromises everyone's safety.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Term 1

This year we will be holding our first Parent/Teacher interviews in Week 10 of first term. The dates will be between the 30th March and the 3rd April. Each classroom teacher will be allocated one day of the week for their interviews and parents can make their booking online as per last years process. I will again place detailed instructions in the newsletter when the booking process is opened.

School Safety

Just a reminder that anyone entering onto our school grounds must do so via our Front Office and sign in. If you are volunteering in any aspect of our school's operations, please check with Miss Karen or Miss Kristie as to whether or not you need to complete a volunteer declaration or obtain a volunteer 'Working with Children Check'.



Health Procedures – Gastro

Gastroenteritis (or gastro for short) is a bowel infection that causes diarrhoea and sometimes vomiting. Such infections are common in children and often lead to illness. Excluding children from school while they are sick helps to stop the spread of infection to other children. Currently we have a number of students experiencing gastro like symptoms. Children with vomiting or diarrhoea should rest at home and not attend school for 48 hours after symptoms have ceased.



Easter Hat Parade

It is a little over a month until our Easter Hat Parade. On this day we draw our Easter Raffles. This is a major fundraiser of the P&C. Historically parents and friends of the school donate Easter Eggs as the prizes and the P&C collate them into baskets/hampers, that get raffled on the day. Tickets for purchase will be distributed over the next couple of weeks to all families. Please assist with this fundraiser by contributing to the donation of prizes via our Front Office.



School Photographs

Our 2020 school photographs will be held on April 7th. A couple of weeks prior to that students will receive an order envelope from the photographers. Families are to return these to the school prior to photo day.

P&C AGM – Next Monday 9th March

I look forward to hosting the P&C AGM next Monday from 5:30pm onwards in the staffroom. Immediately following the election of the 2020 executive we will move into the general meeting.



School Fees

Our voluntary school contribution fees will remain at \$30 per child or \$50 per family. I am sure you agree that this is extremely reasonable! This amount can be paid at our school front office by cash/Eftpos. If you pay before the end of Term 1, you go in the running for a \$70 restaurant voucher at a location in Bathurst of your choice.

Book Club

Information on how to utilise the Scholastic Book Club has been sent home with today's newsletter.



Our SRC will be serving \$1 ice-cream in a cone next Tuesday. So far we have raised \$215.00 for our World Vision sponsor child.



Keep On Track

Our 'Keeping On Track' winner for this week is **Amber Harris**. Amber received a \$5.00 canteen voucher as her prize. Well done!



Term 1 Calendar

5 March – The Big Veggie Crunch
9 March – P&C Meeting, BPS Staffroom 5:30pm
11-13 March – Year 4 Brewongle Excursion
13 March – Western Region Swimming Carnival
25-27 March – Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
7 April – School Photographs
8 April – On Track Day PBL
9 April – Principal's Morning Tea
9 April – Easter Hat Parade
9 April – Last Day of Term 1

Yours sincerely,

Greg Cross

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Principal



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REMINDERS

★ Final payment for the Stage 3 Canberra excursion is due **Friday March 13th**.

★ Year 6 > 7 2021 Expression of Interest forms are due back on **Friday March 13th**

★ **Blue Cards need to be returned NOW!**

The Big Veggie Crunch?

Don't forget to bring your crunchy vegetables on Thursday for *The Big Veggie Crunch*.
We will join schools across NSW to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Students are encouraged to take part in The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2020.

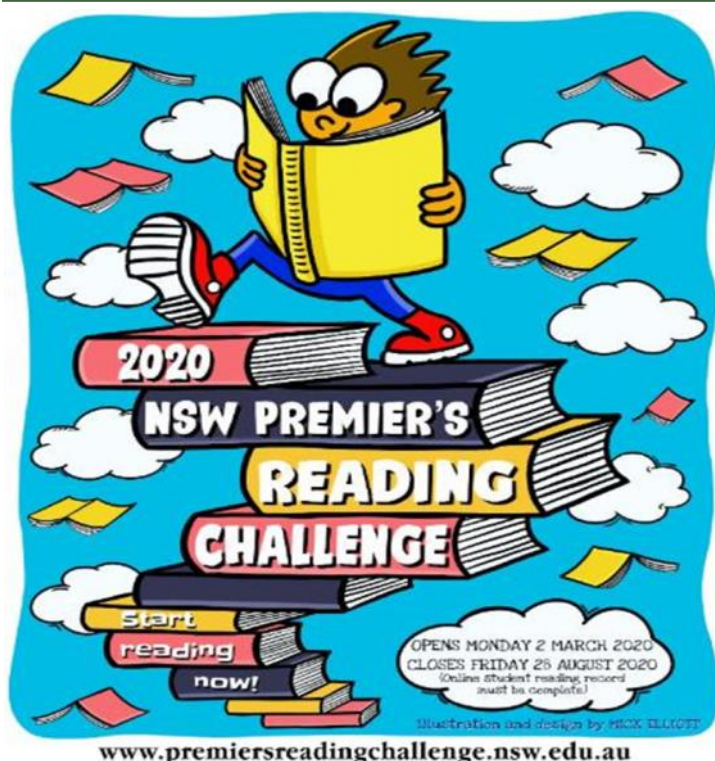
The BPS staff would like to promote the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) as a great way to extend children's reading skills and expose them to a 'smorgasbord' of classic writing for children.

Students must finish between 20 and 30 books (depending on their age) to complete the challenge before it closes on August 28.

Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students records will be coordinated at school by classroom teachers and students reading will be automatically added to K, Y1 or Y2 students' PRC records online.

Year 3-6 students will need to record their reading and choose their books by logging on to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge. They will be using the same username and password they use to access the Student Portal. Primary students will also be shown how to access the site during library lessons over the next few weeks. The Challenge commenced on 2nd March and closes on 28th August so there is plenty of time to start reading. Anything you have read from August 31 2019 can be counted towards the 2020 PRC.

Any questions please see Mr Prior.



www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Merit Awards

Chloe Ongyod, Gemma Smith, Nicholas Fraser, Samuel Cobcroft, Ayden Porter, Peter Kelly, Chloe Keough x2, Samuel Keough x4

Large Awards

Peter Kelly, Ayden Porter, Samuel Keough

Book Awards

Kali Thackeray

WELL DONE!

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) News

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an educational process that brings together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. The PBL framework assists us to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people. PBL is a process, not a program.

Today a copy of both the school wide and classroom expectations matrix has been distributed with the newsletter so that parents and carers can gain a shared understanding of the language we are using around the school and within the classroom.

This week students will be participating in lessons focusing on entering and exiting the classroom.

SAFE

RESPECTFUL

POSITIVE LEARNER

Enter/Exit the Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Walk into the roomHands and feet to yourselfLeave when dismissed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Listen and sit where instructedBe respectful to othersPut equipment away correctly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remain quietListen to your teacher
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Michelle Chiamonte



Toast Program Volunteers



We are seeking volunteers for our **THURSDAY** morning Toast Program, which runs from 8:45 am until approximately 9:20am.

If you are interested or would like to know what is involved, please contact the front office and ask to speak with Troy Newham.



- Please join us for our 2020 AGM on Monday 9th March, 5:30pm in the school Staff Room
- The Easter Hat Parade will be held later this term, we are requesting donations of Easter Eggs, Baskets, Ribbon and Cellophane for our Easter Raffle. Contributions can be left at the Front Office.
 - Do you have a crafty parent or grandparent?- We would love donations of Mother's Day presents for our stall next term
- Later in the year the P&C will hold a school fete. If you own or know of a business that would like to donate prizes, it would be greatly appreciated. Donors would be mentioned in our school newsletter and posted on our school sign. If you have any questions regarding the fete please contact Sandra Scott; sandradee2@bigpond.com or 0408 903 771



Easter Raffle

Donations Needed



Our P&C are kindly requesting donations toward our Easter Raffle, taking place at the **Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 9th April.**

Donations such as Easter eggs, baskets, gift bags, cellophane and/or ribbons would be wonderful. Contributions can be delivered to our Front Office.

We appreciate your generosity.



Stewart House Donation Drive 2020

Your donation supports the 1,700 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

“Stewart House was one of the highlights of my teenage years and I met so many people I am still friends with today. The dedicated staff that run this program are amazing.”

- Past student, Facebook review 2/10/2018

**NSW Public Education's
Charity of choice**

Win a \$4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice

- Place a \$2 coin or equivalent in this envelope
- Complete entry details on the back
- Return to your school to be eligible for the draw



All entries must reach Stewart House by Friday 29th May 2020 in time for the draw at 12pm on this date

Stewart House – Donation Envelopes

Distributed with today's newsletter are the 2020 Stewart House donation envelopes. By making a donation you are supporting 1,700 children from public schools across NSW and the ACT who attend Stewart House each year. You will also go in the running to win a \$4000 holiday to a destination of your choice. All envelopes need to be returned to school by **May 15th.**